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Serial No.: 09/369,134

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For: COMPOSITE METAL-TO-METAL SEAL  
HAVING A RELATIVELY SOFT METAL  
OVERLAY AND A RELATIVELY HARD  
METAL CORE

Group Art Unit: 3626

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In the Claims:

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